

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Re-opening and amending MM24.13 - Preservation of Architectural Character in Guildwood Community - to Extend the Scope of the Architectural Character Study - by Councillor Parthi Kandavel, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.
* This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item 2024.MM24.13. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item. If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

Recommendations

Councillor Parthi Kandavel, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Development Review, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to extend the scope of the architectural character study for the Guildwood Community that was directed by Council in December 2024 to include a parallel study and community process within the adjacent Cliffcrest and Scarborough Village Community.

Summary

The urban forests of Scarborough Village and Cliffcrest serve as vital natural infrastructure, protecting the Bluffs from erosion, reducing flood risk, and supporting city air quality. However, rapid and often unpermitted development in Ward 20 is removing trees and covering permeable land, altering water flow in an area with a high-water table and increasing the risk of basement flooding. These activities are endangering the natural environment of these distinctive communities and popular tourist areas.

Characters of the Neighbourhood Guidelines would provide clear direction to City Planning, Engineering and the Scarborough Committee of Adjustment to determine growth parameters that will protect the fragile environment and character of our neighbourhoods. The Scarborough Bluffs, trails and ravines are destinations not only for residents, but for visitors.

Reason for Urgency:

This motion is urgent as the Character Study for the Guildwood Community needs to be included in the City planning work for 2025.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

City Council Item 2024.MM24.13 (December 17 and 18, 2024 City Council meeting)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM29.25